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ADDITIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS TO SAFEGUARD UNFPA PERSONNEL AND PREMISES GLOBALLY

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Executive Director on the additional security requirements to safeguard UNFPA personnel and premises globally (DP/FPA/2004/14). During its consideration of the report the Advisory Committee met with the Deputy Executive Director (Management) and her colleagues, who provided additional information.

2. The Committee notes that approved resources in the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 for this purpose amount to $4.6 million (see table 1 of the report). The Executive Director indicates that additional protective measures to address the deterioration of the security framework and ensure that the organization has the capacity to effectively respond to the demands of the rapidly changing global environment with minimal interruption of its operations would require additional resources estimated to amount to $6.8 million (paragraph 1 and table 1). The measures envisaged are enumerated in paragraph 2 of the report.

3. Further to the information provided in table 1, the Advisory Committee, upon enquiry, was provided with a detailed breakdown of the requirements proposed:

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Breakdown of security requirements, 2004-2005
(in millions of US dollars, source: table 1)

Item	Approved amount	Additional requirement		Description	Total		Time frame
MOSS compliance	2.7	4.4	b/	One time costs	5.6	/a	As required by country officials
				Recurrent costs	1.5	c/	Ongoing
				Total	*7.1*		
Contribution to UNSECOORD and insurance	1.5	1.2		UNSECOORD	1.6	d/	Ongoing
				Insurance	1.1	e/	Ongoing
				Total	*2.7*		
Staff costs	0.3	1.2		1 HQ Adviser	0.3		Ongoing
				3 Regional Advisers	0.7	f/g/	As soon as possible. Consultants in the interim
				1 support staff HQ		h/	As soon as possible
				Equipment (one time)		i/	
				Other (one time)		j/	
				Total	*1.5*		
Grand Total	**4.5**	**6.8**			**11.3**		

a/ Construction walls and barriers, radio rooms, armour, TV systems, X-ray equipment, other communications, parking.
b/ Based on average costs of $85,000 per country office estimated by UNDP, pro-rated for UNFPA (100% for 34 "independent country offices and 25% for the balance "shared" country offices).
c/ Staffing for guards, radio room operators as well as maintenance.
d/ Includes UNFPA's 2 % share of projected additional costs for UNSECOORD of $8.2 million.
e/ Includes projection of UNFPA's share of coverage for additional premium MAIP.
f/ Budgeted at P-4 level in accordance with UNSECOORD policy. Includes travel of $25,000 per staff.
g/ Intended co-location with existing UNFPA Country Technical Services Teams: Jordan, Thailand or Nepal and Ethipia or Senegal or Zimbabwe.
h/ Budgeted at G-7 level.
i/ $30,000 for computers, satphones, GPS, etc.
j/ Includes provision for UNFPA liability for United Nations access control project.

The Committee points out that the foregoing information was not accompanied by further detail or by any analysis of how these projected allocations were arrived at.

4. The Advisory Committee was also informed that during the last 12 months eight country offices had been relocated for safety and/or security reasons (in Cambodia, Central African Republic, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Philippines, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen) and five more will be relocated during this biennium (in Afghanistan, Bhutan, Guinea, Jordan and Syrian Arab Republic).

5. The Committee notes that the Executive Director's request for additional resources amounts to approximately 4 per cent of the approved gross 2004-2005 regular biennial support budget. The amount would be treated as a reserve and recorded as such in the financial statements.

6. The Advisory Committee recognizes the importance and the urgency of strengthening the security and safety of United Nations operations, staff and premises. However, in its report on the subject (A/58/758), the Committee indicated that resource requests for such purpose should not be based on a piecemeal approach but preceded by a comprehensive and complete review of security arrangements. In addition, the Committee indicated the need for an integrated and coordinated approach by all organizations of the United Nations system and requested the Secretary-General to aim, in his report to be submitted early in the fifty-ninth session, at the establishment of a unified standard in terms of the level of security. The General Assembly endorsed these recommendations in its resolution 58/295 of 18 June 2004 and in paragraph 6 of the resolution enumerated the elements to be contained in the comprehensive report.

7. The Advisory Committee endorses the measures indicated in (a) through (d) of paragraph 2 of the report and takes note of UNFPA's timely efforts in this regard. It trusts that they will be integrated in an overall United Nations comprehensive plan. However, bearing in mind the considerations referred to in paragraph 6 above, the Committee is of the opinion that action on the recruitment of the three field-based regional security advisers and one member of support staff at headquarters (paragraph 2 (e)) should await the submission of the Secretary-General's comprehensive report and such decision as the General Assembly may take thereon.

8. Subject to what has been stated in paragraph 7 above, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Executive Board endorse the proposal of the Executive Director to grant her exceptional authority during 2004-2005 to access up to 4 per cent of the approved gross 2004-2005 regular biennial support budget of $169.6 million, as additional funding for security measures amounting to a maximum of $6.8 million. The amount should be utilized only for the purposes intended; it should be recorded as a reserve, disclosed in the financial statements and reported to the Executive Board in the annual financial review.